



MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Care Commission
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DATE: November 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Onsite Flu Shot Clinics

The State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) began offering onsite flu shot clinics in 2009 when the responsibility for hosting onsite flu shot clinics was transferred to the SEHP. Prior to 2009 the flu shot clinics were administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment using grant funding.

Flu vaccinations are considered a preventive service under federal health plan requirements and must be covered in full by the plan. Work site flu shot clinics offer members convenient access to these vaccinations, and the plan benefits from a lower per shot cost by utilizing the clinic vendor. Under the current contract, which has a lower required minimum number of patients, we have been able to expand the clinic offerings to more locations throughout the state. For the current flu season flu shot clinics were held in 36 communities and 5,111 adult plan members received their vaccinations.

The current contract with OccuVAX expires in December 2016. A renewal offer to extend this program has been received and reviewed by staff. The cost of the flu shots includes the cost of the vaccine, shot administration and disposal for used clinic supplies. The current standard Trivalent flu shots are \$19 and under the renewal option that would increase to \$20 and this rate is guaranteed for three years. The plan does have a very small number of members such as pregnant members that require the thimerosal preservative-free shots and the cost of those shots will be \$23. The higher cost for thimerosal-free is due to the increased costs of preservative-free vaccine. Of the flu shots given this year, approximately one percent of the flu shots requested were for preservative-free vaccine.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the contract with OccuVAX for onsite flu shot services be extended for three years to December 31, 2019.